

HONORING SECRETARY JOHN
McHUGH

SPEECH OF

HON. PARKER GRIFFITH

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of former Congressman and the 21st Secretary of the Army John McHugh.

In more than 8 terms in Congress, Secretary McHugh has served as a steadfast and reliable advocate for our men and women in uniform. His drive and determination for our soldiers have played a major role in the way we repay our troops.

Throughout his career, Secretary McHugh has always sought new ways to serve his country, and America is better for it. Over the last eight years, he has made fourteen official visits to Iraq, Afghanistan, and multiple other deployed locations to visit United States forces.

In his own words, Secretary McHugh has inspired many. Earlier this year, he summed up perfectly what it means to be an American—in uniform or civilian—when he asked, “What else can I do to serve?”

The United States Army has been placed in the capable hands of Secretary John McHugh, and I wish him the best of luck in his new position.

CONGRATULATING JOHN “HUT”
HUTSON, WILLIAM C. JENKINS,
DAVID F. LUCIER, PETER MAR-
TINEZ, PAT CHORPENNING AND
CARL G. SCHNEIDER—INDUCTEES
TO THE ARIZONA VETERANS
HALL OF FAME

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate John “Hut” Hutson, William C. Jenkins, David F. Lucier, Peter Martinez, Pat Chorpenning and Carl G. Schneider, the Class of 2009 inductees to the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame. These citizens are recognized for their exemplary service for our country.

For both bravely serving our country and inspiring those outside their military service, 19 Arizona residents were selected to be part of the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame. In a state boasting more than 600,000 veterans, I am truly honored to represent five of this year’s recipients.

The Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society annually rewards and honors veterans for their continued service to the community. Each recipient of the prestigious award is personally selected by the Office of Governor Jan Brewer in partnership with the Arizona Department of Veterans’ Services.

These veterans represent the courage and patriotism that is so revered by many Americans. It is people like this that I am continuously thinking of and am proud to serve. As members of the Hall of Fame Society, I am sure these veterans will carry on inspiring and serving our community.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognition of John “Hut” Hutson, William C. Jenkins, David F. Lucier, Peter Martinez, Pat Chorpenning and Carl G. Schneider’s exceptional service.

H.R. 3763, TO AMEND THE FAIR
AND ACCURATE CREDIT REPORT-
ING ACT

HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2009

Mr. MAFFEI. Madam Speaker, I come before you today in unison with my colleagues from both sides of the aisle in support of H.R. 3763, to amend the Fair and Accurate Credit Reporting Act to provide an exclusion from Red Flag Guidelines for certain businesses. I’m proud that the lawmakers and the FTC are actively combating the serious problem of identity theft. The Red Flag Guidelines outlined in the Fair and Accurate Credit Reporting Act directs businesses to establish, by August 1, 2009, a plan for protecting their customers from identity theft. We must remember, however, that regulations like the Red Flags Rule have serious consequences for our nation’s small businesses. Small businesses are leaders in their communities and work hard to establish personal relationships with their customers. We cannot simply adopt a one-size-fits-all system that applies the same regulatory standards to a large corporation as it does to a small community health care provider or a small law firm.

I commend my colleague from New Jersey for recognizing the undue burden these regulations will have on small businesses and for introducing legislation that provides a more viable solution to identity theft prevention. I am proud to have worked with him in drafting this bill. H.R. 3763 returns to the original intent of the FTC regulations. This bill recognizes that law firms, health care providers, accountants, and other businesses which provide repeated face-to-face service and/or have fewer than 20 employees are not vulnerable to identity theft in the same way as other businesses. These types of businesses were not intended to fall under such FTC regulations and should not be included in Red Flag Guidelines. H.R. 3763 would provide an exemption for such businesses, saving the small business community tremendous undue financial and administrative burden.

WHEN COURAGE COMES TO CREST:
PFC BRENDAN MARROCCO,
UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2009

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the heroism of a real American hero, one of New York’s and Staten Island’s finest sons. Today, the Armed Forces and their families must come back home from war and rebuild their lives in many instances where nonlies left. As each, and on their own, they all will teach us about faith and courage

and selfless sacrifice. PFC Brendan Marrocco is such a man who was gravely wounded in Iraq. During an EFP explosion, Rocco lost all four of his limbs. While clinging to life, most people may have given up but Rocco refuses! For he has a life to live, and a world to inspire. With the help of his brother Michael, who quit his job to be with him and help him as he moves onward. Rock on Rocco!

WHEN COURAGE COMES TO CREST

All in our darkest days of night!
When, all hope seems so lost . . . our plight

While, against all odds . . . somehow we so
fight! When, Courage Comes To Crest!
With only its shining light, will we but so
see our very best . . . our light!

All in hearts of gold which will so bless, to
lead that most valiant fight!

Upon, battlefields of honor yes, all in hearts
of courage so burning bright . . .

Throughout all of those darkest days of war,
those many nights . . . as we so see
their light!

Amidst, all those battle cries . . . of the
darkest of death and gore as so com-
prised . . .

As all of those most magnificent hearts, as
so ignite . . .

All in those faces of heroes, as when their
courage so comes to life!

Who, but for this our nation bore . . . and
would give up, oh so much more . . .

Holding Brothers In Arms, with but tears in
their eyes . . .

Until, their fine hearts beat no more . . .
who so died!

And all of those loved ones at home, who so
worry for them as their hearts so
moan!

As When, Courage Comes To Crest . . . as
when so comes forth, so much more
from these who bless!

As when, a new battle must begin! As from a
coma you so awoke so then . . .

All in your loss, how such courage then . . .
that even your fine heart, may not ex-
cept!

As you look down all at the cost, wondering
if you would be but better off . . .

Be but better off, dead . . . all in that mo-
ment of truth, as what your brilliant
heart so said!

Showing us the proof . . . As so when, you
must decide . . . Should I live? Or
should I die?

When, but the very will to live . . . all in
your fine heart, so lies . . . ‘ah Rocco
so lives!

While so very, so very . . . so very . . . very
. . . very . . . very . . . deep down in-
side!

When, Courage Comes To Crest . . . as the
tears roll down your fine eyes . . .

As you lie there all in your pain, moments
away from dying . . . all in your most
amazing grace comprised!

As your courage so begins to rise! As Comes
To Crest!

As why, one day to Heaven . . . Rocco . . .
you’re my fine soul shall so rise!

As you so wipe away, all those swollen tears
. . . as from your most brilliant eyes
. . .

And you so say to yourself, I choose to live
. . . and so Not So To Die!

As your most Heroic of All Hearts, so begins
to cry!

From somewhere, so very . . . very . . . very
. . . deep down inside . . .

As you so decide, with all your might! To
Live On! To Somehow Fight!

To Bring Your Light, and not ask why!

All in what you have so left, so left . . . so
very deep down inside!